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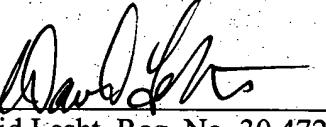
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European Search Report – Application Number EP 04 25 1832 in the Hague on February 3, 2005

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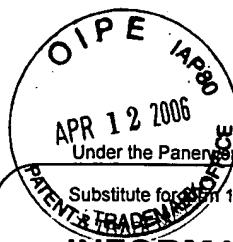
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